



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In re U.S. Patent Application of</b>	)	
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<b>Filed: March 2, 2004</b>	)	
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<b>For: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF</b>	)	
<b>REMOTE COPY FOR MULTIPLE</b>	)	
<b>STORAGE SUBSYSTEMS</b>	)	
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**RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2006, in the above identified application, the period of response to which is set to expire on September 26, 2006, and is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), which is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above identified application as follows: